

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

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Re: Case No. 24-1615, *Whitney Hodges v. City of Grand Rapids, MI, et al*  
Originating Case No. : 1:23-cv-01230

Dear Counsel,

This appeal has been docketed as case number **24-1615** with the caption that is enclosed on a separate page. The appellate case number and caption must appear on all filings submitted to the Court. If the filing fee was not paid when the notice of appeal was filed, it must be paid to the district court immediately.

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At this stage of the appeal, the following case opening items should be docketed with the Clerk's office by **August 6, 2024**. The Disclosure of Corporate Affiliations and Civil Appeal Statement are now automated entries. Filers may still use the form 6CA-1 and 6CA-53 located on the Court's website if the automated entries do not provide sufficient space. Additionally, the transcript order must be completed by that date. For further information and instructions on ordering transcript electronically, please visit the court's website.

Appellant: Appearance of Counsel  
Civil Appeal Statement of Parties & Issues  
Disclosure of Corporate Affiliations  
Application for Admission to 6th Circuit Bar (if applicable)

Appellee: Appearance of Counsel  
Disclosure of Corporate Affiliations  
Application for Admission to 6th Circuit Bar (if applicable)

If appellant's case opening items are not timely filed or necessary fees paid, the appeal will be dismissed for want of prosecution. If you have questions after reviewing the rules, please contact the Clerk's office for assistance.

Sincerely yours,

s/Roy G. Ford  
Case Manager  
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Enclosure

**OFFICIAL COURT OF APPEALS CAPTION FOR 24-1615**

WHITNEY HODGES, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Honestie Hodges

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI; DAVID RAHINSKY, Former Police Chief, in his official capacity

Defendants

OFFICER SPENCER SELLNER; OFFICER ANTHONY BARBERINO; OFFICER JEFFREY DIONNE, all in their individual and official capacities

Defendants - Appellants